GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:185
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2003
POLLUTION BY SPONGE IRON PLANTS
ANANTA NAYAK;PARSURAM MAJHI

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the increasing air and water pollution cased by the sponge iron plants in Orissa, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh ;

(b) if so, the details of such plants in each of the said States ; and

(c) the action initiated against these polluting units?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) (b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 185 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 15.12.2003 REGARDING POLLUTION BY SPONGE IRON PLANTS BY SHRI PARSURAM MAJHI AND SHRI ANANTA NAYAK

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are a total of 55 sponge iron plants in the states of Orissa , Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh out of which 19 are in Chhatisgarh, 26 in Orissa and 10 in the state of Jharkhand. Majority of the plants have installed air pollution control facilities for stack emissions such as electrostatic precipitator or bag filters / wet scrubbing system. For control of fugitive emissions from raw material and product handling units industries have been asked to provide requisite pollution control system.

(c) The actions initiated for control of pollution in Sponge Iron Plants include-

(i) directing all the sponge iron plants to install adequate pollution control measures by 31.12.03

(ii) inventorization of sponge iron units for assessing pollution loads;

(iii) initiation of study on development of clean technology and environmental standards for sponge iron industries;and

(iv) awareness and training programmes .